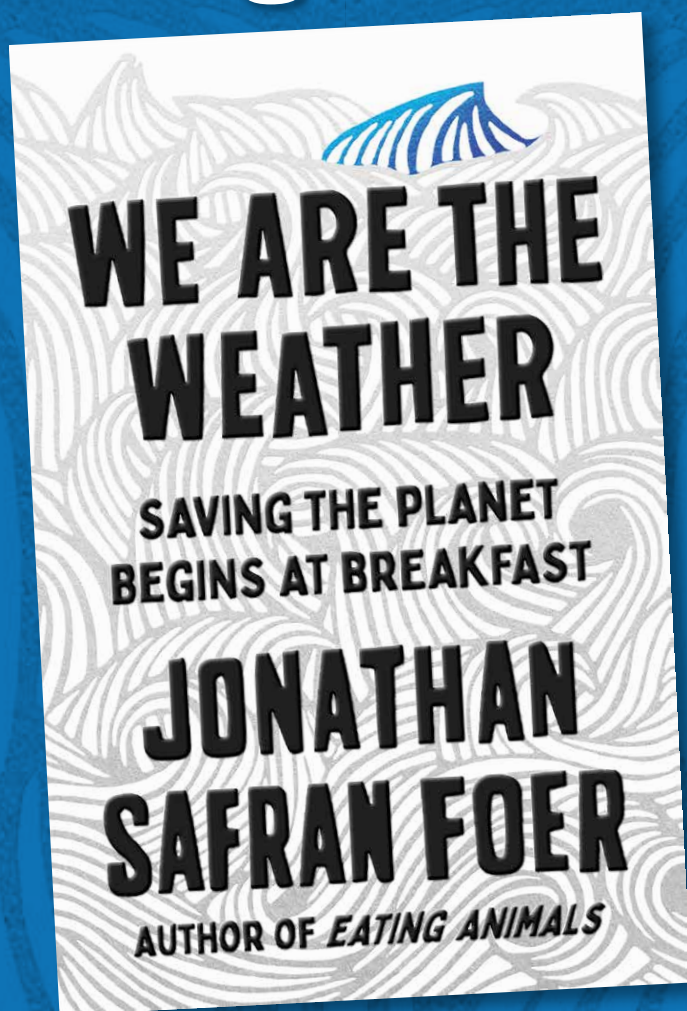


2020 Reading Together



The author will sign his books following the event.

Book sales provided by Michigan News Agency.

- General admission
- No reserved seats
- No tickets
- Please register

Read the Book, Meet the Author

There is a significant difference between accepting the science of global warming and doing something about it. If we truly believe global warming is a threat to the future of life on this planet, then we must take action — and it all starts with what we eat — and don't eat — for breakfast. Kalamazoo Public Library is honored to welcome Jonathan Safran Foer, author of this year's Reading Together selection *We Are the Weather: Saving the Planet Begins at Breakfast*.

Join us at **Chenery Auditorium** on **Tuesday, March 10 at 7 pm**

to hear Foer discuss the global crisis of climate change, the impact of factory farming, and how the task of saving the planet will require overcoming our human reluctance to sacrifice immediate comfort for the sake of the future. **Register at readingtogether.us**



JONATHAN SAFRAN FOER is the author of the novels *Everything Is Illuminated*, *Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close*, and *Here I Am*, and of the nonfiction book *Eating Animals*. His work has received numerous awards and has been translated into thirty-six languages. He lives in Brooklyn, New York.

"Deeply contemplative and artfully creative ..." — Booklist

"Foer's message is both moving and painful, depressing and optimistic, and it will force readers to rethink their commitment to combating 'the greatest crisis humankind has ever faced.'" — Publishers Weekly (starred review)

[More details and related community events on page 4 ...](#)



Party in the Park – Birth–5
Wednesday, May 27
10 am | Bronson Park
Details on page 5.



Hosts free and open to the public workshops on:

- Professional and personal development
- Grant writing and research
- Board and staff development
- Marketing & social media
- Supervision/management & more!



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Dates and times are subject to change.

Event Attendance Details

- R** Registration required; call location.
- T** Ticket required; pick up ticket at host location.

All Kalamazoo Public Library events are **FREE** and open to the public unless otherwise indicated in the event description. A library card is not required to attend. Events where space is limited may require prior registration or a free ticket to attend as indicated in the event description. Guests who require special accommodations should call (269) 553-7800.

KPL Location Info

CEN	553-7800
Central Library 315 S. Rose St.	
EAS	553-7810
Eastwood Branch Library 1112 Gayle Ave.	
OSH	553-7980
Oshstemo Branch Library 7265 W. Main St.	
POW	553-7960
Alma Powell Branch Library 1000 W. Paterson St.	
WSQ	553-7970
Washington Square Branch Library 1244 Portage St.	



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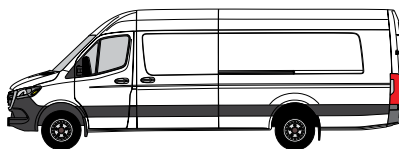
KPL to Provide Library Service to Texas Township Residents

Texas Township and Kalamazoo Public Library recently agreed to a 2-year service contract (July 1, 2020–June 30, 2022) to provide library services to Texas Township residents in the Mattawan and Schoolcraft school districts. Residents will be able to receive a full-service library card providing them access to all print



collections and digital services. Stay tuned for upcoming library card sign-up opportunities at various Texas Township locations this summer.

KPL Mobile Library



Hitting the road later this summer, KPL will provide library services to patrons residing in underserved communities within our service district via the KPL Mobile Library.

The KPL Mobile Library will provide the communities we visit with:

- A rotating collection of books, movies and music for patrons of all ages
- Access to technology, and professional instruction on how to use it
- Pop-up programs
- Free Wi-Fi access during our visit

Library of Things

Have you ever wanted to check out a new kitchen gadget, specialized technology, or tool before you buy it? Good news! KPL card holders will be able to “check out” various items including sewing machines, air fryers, DSLR

cameras, tools, tablets, and much more from our Library of Things!

More information on all of these great new KPL services will be provided in the next issue of PRISM and on our website, kpl.gov. ▲

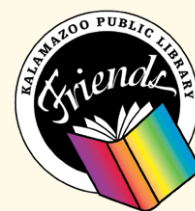
Friends of KPL

Norman Carver Event

**Opens Wednesday, March 25, 12–7 pm
CEN/Friends Bookstore, Lower Level**

We are thrilled to present for sale a very generous donation of Norman Carver's personal collection of books on art and architecture, acquired over the course of his career as an internationally known photographer and architect. Hundreds of beautiful books in excellent condition. Sold during regular store hours while supplies last.

The Friends Bookstore has a giant inventory of books of all varieties for adults, teens, and children. You'll find thousands of books at bargain prices. ▲



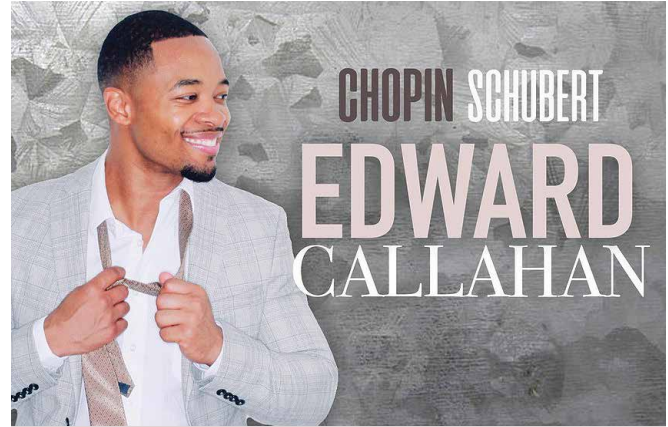
OPEN HOURS | CEN/Lower Level:

**Wednesday, 12–7 pm
Thursday, 10 am–4 pm
Friday, 10 am–4 pm
Saturday, 10 am–4 pm**

Kalamazoo Public Library Presents: Homecoming "A Promise Made" featuring Edward Callahan

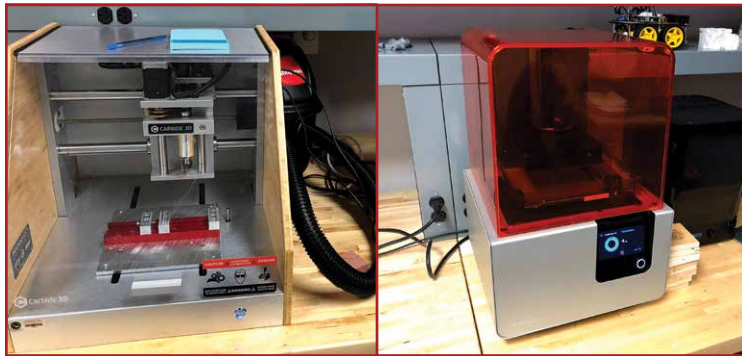
Join us for a performance by Kalamazoo native Edward Callahan, a trained pianist, organist, percussionist, and music director. Callahan is among the first students to receive a Kalamazoo Promise scholarship in 2006. He began playing the piano at age 5 and had aspirations to be a concert pianist and perform at Carnegie Hall. Today, Callahan is a musician in New York City and recently released his first CD, *The Minor Keys*, all works by Chopin and Schubert. Every song is performed in a minor key. **Pelase register online or call (269) 553-7964.**

This program is made possible through the support of:



Saturday, April 4, 5 pm

Mt. Zion Baptist Church | 120 Roberson St.



Bring Your Ideas to Life at the Idea Lab

Calling all makers and idea creators! Come to the new Idea Lab (formerly The Hub) on the 3rd floor of Central Library where you can have access to our new Maker Lab featuring a variety of 3D printers and CNC mills, our Audio Lab featuring Arturia music keyboards, Yeti microphones and more, and our Video Lab featuring the latest Adobe software, Final Cut Pro, Camtasia, Animaker, and more! KPL staff is available to assist you with bringing all your ideas to life. For open hours and more, visit kpl.gov/idea-lab. ▲

Help the Kalamazoo Community by Completing the 2020 Census!

The Census, conducted once every 10 years, is the constitutionally required count of every person in the United States. In mid-March, all Kalamazoo residents will receive notices to complete the Census. Households can respond one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail.

It is vital that all Kalamazoo residents complete the Census. Locally, the data will be used to determine the number of representatives Michigan has in the U.S. Congress and the Electoral College. Michigan can lose an estimated \$1,800 of federal funding for each person who is not counted in the Census. Census numbers will impact funding for our roads, education, and hospitals. Businesses and nonprofits also rely on Census data to help determine the needs of our community.

KPL is collaborating with many organizations across Kalamazoo to assist residents with completing the Census. Residents can obtain more information about the Census as well as utilize our computers to complete the Census online. KPL staff will be available to assist. **For more information, call: (269) 553-7801. ▲**

Completing the census is required: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"



2020 Reading Together



EXPLORE THE BOOK'S THEMES

In planning these events, we were guided by three facets of *We Are the Weather*: What we know, what we feel, and what we can do. We hope you'll find one or more programs below that will enhance your reading of the book. More details at readingtogether.us

Finding Alternatives for Our Sustenance

Saturday, February 29 at 1 pm
Portage District Library
300 Library Lane

Vegan 101: Ten Easy Ways to Add More Plants to Your Diet

Co-sponsored by Vegan Kalamazoo,
Choose one of two identical programs:

Thursday, March 5 at 7 pm
Parchment Community Library
401 S. Riverview Dr.

Tuesday, March 17 at 6 pm
Alma Powell Branch Library
1000 W. Paterson St.

Teen Meet-Up and Clean-Up TEEN

Saturday, March 7 12–2 pm • Bronson Park

What Is Regenerative Agriculture?

A joint collaboration with the Kalamazoo Nature Center, the KVCC Food Innovation Center, the Kalamazoo Climate Crisis Coalition, and Kalamazoo Public Library.

Saturday, March 7 at 2 pm
Kalamazoo Nature Center
7000 N. Westnedge Ave.

Meet and Craft: Protest Art TEEN

Wednesday, March 11 at 5–6 pm
Central Library/Teen Studio
315 S. Rose St. • For ages 11–18

Librarians Talking about Cookbooks

Choose one of two identical programs:

Wednesday, March 11 at 7 pm
Central Library • 315 S. Rose St.

Monday, March 30 at 10:30 am
Oshemo Branch Library • 7265 W. Main St.

Vegan 101 for Teens TEEN

Thursday, March 12 at 5–6:30 pm
Central Library/Teen Studio
315 S. Rose St. • For ages 11–18
Registration required.

Climate in Our Region, Past and Future

Thursday, March 12 at 7 pm
Friendship Village • 1400 N. Drake Rd.

Planting Seeds for Change

Saturday, March 14 at 2 pm
Kalamazoo Public Library/Children's Room
315 S. Rose St.

How Can Plants and First Nations Help Us to Believe?

Monday, March 16 at 7 pm
Kalamazoo Public Library • 315 S. Rose St.

Community Conversation about Climate Change

Thursday, March 19 at 10:30 am
Eastwood Branch Library • 1112 Gayle Ave.

Wednesday, March 25 at 6 pm
Washington Square Branch Library
1244 Portage St.

Registration required.

Climate Change from a Faith Perspective with Pastor Nikki Smith

Saturday March 21 at 10:30 am
Parchment Community Library
401 S. Riverview Dr.

Human Behavior and Climate Change

Monday, March 23 at 7 pm
Kalamazoo Public Library
315 S. Rose St.

Climate Reality: Building Resilience

In partnership with the Kalamazoo Climate Crisis Coalition and their *Fridays for Future* series.

Friday, March 27 at 12 pm,
followed by open conversation at 1 pm
Arcus Center for Social Justice Leadership
205 Monroe St.

Kalamazoo Earth Day Festival

Saturday, April 18 at 12–5 pm
Kalamazoo Farmers Market
1204 Bank St.

Children's Events

March, April & May 2020

Early Childhood: Birth-to-Preschool

Children: Grades K-5

Family: Caregiver + Siblings

Early Childhood: Birth-to-Preschool

STORYTIMES

Family Storytime • Birth-5

Thursdays, 10:30 am | OSH

Fridays, 10:30 am | CEN

Stories, activities and special guests. Designed for birth-5 and their families.

Baby Time • Birth-24 months

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:30 am | CEN

Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27 10:30 am | OSH

Songs, bounces, rhymes, and stories for babies from birth to 2 years and their caregivers.

It's Storytime! • Birth-5

Thursdays, 10 am | EAS

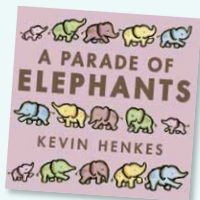
Fridays, 10 am | POW

Engage in exciting stories, songs, and activities.

A Parade of Elephants • Birth-5

Friday, March 20, 10 am | POW

Join us for a special storytime featuring the Ready to Read Michigan 2020 featured book, *A Parade of Elephants*, with special crafts, activities, and treats.



1-2-3 Play With Me • Ages 1-3


Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 | 10:30 am | WSQ

Wednesdays, March 25 & April 1, 8, 15 10:30 am | OSH

Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20 | 10:30 am | CEN

Spend time together, play, make friends, and have an opportunity to talk one-on-one with specialists on child development during this enjoyable one-month workshop.

For children 1 to 3 years and their parents and caregivers. Registration required.

Infant and preschool siblings may attend with a registered toddler. 

Play to Learn • Ages 1-5

Thursdays, 10:30 am-12 pm | EAS/Story Room

Fridays, 10:30 am-12 pm | POW/Children's Area

Engage in play for early learning. Drop-in during the posted open times. For children ages 1 to 5 with a caregiver, siblings welcomed. An adult caregiver must accompany babies and toddlers. Siblings may attend as guests.

Toddler Talk • Ages 1-3

Wednesdays, 3-4:45 pm | OSH

Talk about the care of toddlers up to 3 years of age with other caregivers. Carolyn Call, RN, facilitator.

Baby Talk • Ages Birth-1

Wednesdays, 1-2:45 pm | OSH

Talk about the care of babies up to 1 year of age with other caregivers. Carolyn Call, RN, facilitator.

Baby Grands Featuring Bryard Huggins • Birth-6

Saturday, April 18, 2 pm | POW

No stage, no seats, no problem. Babies and Toddlers, or ages 0-6, are invited to this piano playtime. Kids can move freely around the space while parents, family, and friends sip coffee in the back and enjoy a relaxed piano recital for kids, without compromising the music.




Party in the Park • Birth-5

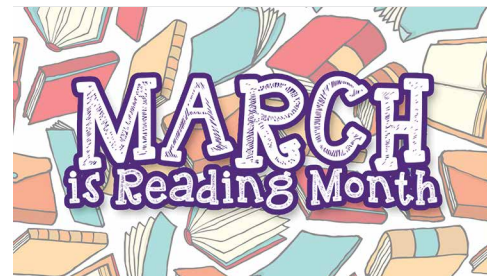
Wednesday, May 27, 10 am | Bronson Park

Calling all child care providers, teachers and parents! You and your preschool children will enjoy this very special story hour featuring:

- A book for each child
- Costumed characters
- Lots of wonderful stories
- Healthy snack and juice.

This is a FREE event. Bring a blanket to sit on. Weather cancellations may apply. Register in advance at kpl.gov/r2r or (269) 553-7885. 

Children: Grades K-5



March Is Reading Month • Grades K-5

Stop into any KPL location and tell the librarian what you're reading to get a star on the wall and a sticker prize! Let's see how many books we can read in the month of March!

March Is Reading Month Finale Grades K-5

Tuesday, March 31, 4 pm | CEN

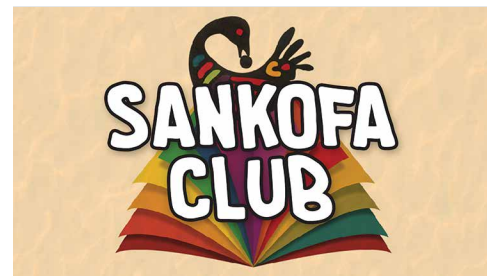
Celebrate the final day of Reading Month with a special storytime performance with songs, crafts, and giveaways!



Peace Pizazz: Planting Seeds for Change • Grades K-5

Saturday, March 14, 2 pm | CEN

A children's art collaboration event inspired by the need to change our habits to aid a healthy environment. Join us to create art from recycled materials and explore books focused on peace, climate change, and how to create a better future.



Sankofa Club • Grades 2-4

Tuesdays, March 17, April 21 & May 19

4-5:30 pm | POW

A learning club for kids in Grades 2-4. We will read together, do science experiments, make creative art projects, challenge our math skills, and enjoy nutritious after-school snacks.

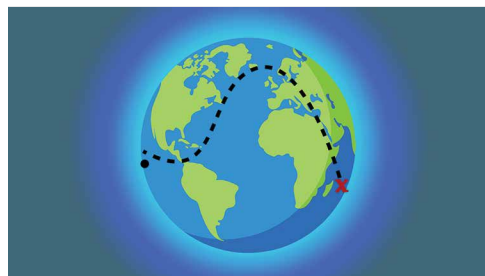
Children's & Family Events

March, April & May 2020

Children: Grades K-5

Family: Caregiver + Siblings

Children: Grades K-5 *cont.*

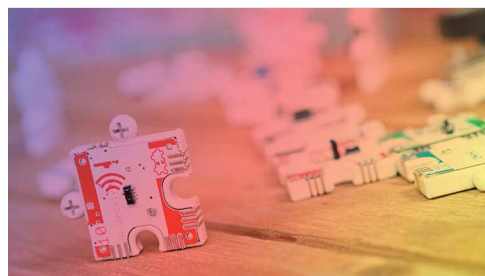


Dash Around The World

Tuesday, March 24

5:30 pm | OSH/Community Room

Plan a trip across the world, then use your coding skills to send our Dash and Dot robots to follow your path across the map. Best for ages 8-11. Please register. **R**



Robot Detective Coding Mystery Grades K-5

Friday, April 10, 2 pm | CEN/Van Deusen

Can you solve the mystery? Work in teams to learn coding skills and program the robots for clues. Collect all the clues to solve the case. A STEM sleuthing adventure! Please register. **R**



Cupcake Decorating • Family

Monday, May 11, 4-5:30 pm | EAS

Emy Dykstra will host decorating fabulous, yummy cupcakes. Please register. **R**

Event Attendance Details

R Registration required; call location.

T Ticket required; pick up ticket at host location.

M Maker program.

Family: Caregiver + Siblings

Bookworms • Family

Tuesdays, March 10, April 14, May 12

6 pm | OSH/Story Room

A book club for kids and their grown-ups. Pick up your free copy at Oshtemo. Please register. **R**

March: *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin

April: *Love That Dog* by Sharon Creech

May: *Mae Among the Stars* by Rhoda Ahmed



First Saturday @ KPL • Family

Saturdays, March 7, April 4, May 2

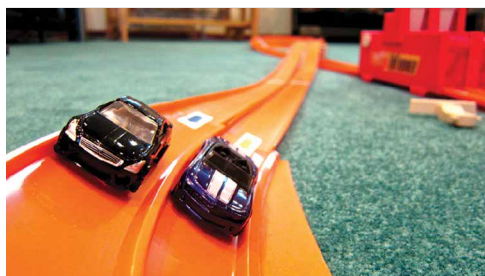
2-3:30 pm | CEN

Take your family to the library on the first Saturday of each month! Get your library card or pick out some books to check out. Enjoy stories, activities, special guests, and door prizes. Something different each month! First Saturday is a partnership program for KPL and Kalamazoo Public Schools.

March's partner: Kalamazoo Public Schools

April's partner: Kalamazoo County 4-H

May's partner: Kalamazoo Literacy Council.



Hot Wheels Racing • Family

Wednesdays, March 11 & May 13

6:30-7:30 pm | WSQ/Community Room

Build tracks, race cars, crash into LEGO buildings, jump block towers and whatever else you can think of doing. STEM education has never been so much fun!

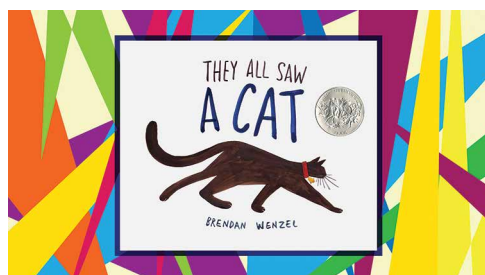


Stories with Jethro • Family

Thursdays, April 9, 16, 23, 30

4-5:30 pm | OSH/Children's Room

Jethro is a dog who is "pawsitively" excited to hear wonderful stories. Come to the library and read to Jethro! Please register. **R**



Musical Storybooks:

They All Saw a Cat • Family

Tuesday, April 21, 9:30 & 10:30 am | CEN

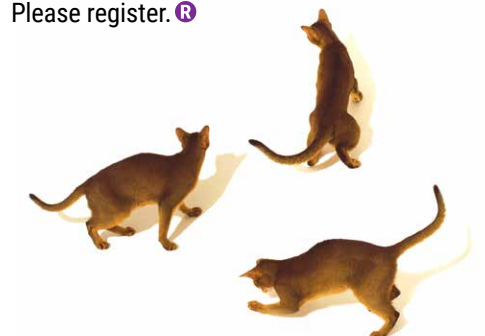
Wednesday, April 22, 10:30 & 11:30 am | OSH

Thursday, April 23, 10:30 am | WSQ

Enjoy a performance by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra featuring the story, *They All Saw a Cat* by Brendan Wenzel.

Performances by small ensembles of the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra are offered free of charge in many community venues. Join us for these engaging programs, designed to capture the imagination and give listeners a closer look at different instrument families.

Musical Story Books is perfect for preschoolers, this program presents favorite storybooks illustrated with great music by the KSO String Quartet. Each program includes a craft activity, a narrated telling of the story with music, and interactive learning led by the musicians. Please register. **R**



Family: Caregiver + Siblings

Wellspring Events ...



Ready Movers with Wellspring/ Cori Terry & Dancers • Family

Saturday, April 11, 10 am | EAS

Ready Movers is a creative movement program that deepens concepts related to literacy while also developing skills around awareness, body control, and mindfulness. This program, developed by Wellspring/ Cori Terry & Dancers' company members in coordination with KC Ready4s, is an interactive session including storytime, that your little mover will love.

Dancing Side-by-Side with Wellspring Family

Monday, March 16, 6:30–7:30 pm
OSH/Community Room

Join the Wellspring Dance Academy for a great class that brings the family together for movement and fun. This class will incorporate movement and music the whole family can enjoy while also allowing for creative expression and introducing basic dance concepts.

Superhero Training with the Wellspring Dance Academy • Family

Friday, April 10, 10:30 & 11:45 am
OSH/Community Room

Wednesday, March 18, 4 pm | EAS
Strap on your mask and cape and join Wellspring Dance Academy for Superhero Training! We will exercise our minds and bodies as we prepare to save the world, one leap at a time! Activate your superpowers and groove with us!

An Dro • Family

Saturday, March 21
11 am | OSH/Community Room

St. Patrick's Day may be over, but the fun has just begun! Celebrate the luck o' the Irish with An Dro, a high energy Celtic music and dance performance featuring dancers from the Quinn Irish Dance Troupe.

Binder Park Zoomobile • Family

Friday, April 3, 1 & 2 pm | OSH

Visit with live animals from Binder Park Zoo! Please register. ⑥

Become Cyber A.C.E.S. • Family

Monday, April 20, 5 pm | CEN/Van Deusen

Join us to learn about on-line safety, privacy and being a good cyber-citizen with a variety of hands-on activities through the Cyber A.C.E.S program. Best for ages 7–10.



LEGO @ the Library • Family

Saturdays, March 21, April 18, May 16
10:30–11:30 am | CEN

Build, create, and imagine with other LEGO fans. Duplo to expert builder bricks provided.

Crybaby Concert with Fontana Chamber Arts • Family

Saturday, May 16

11 am | OSH/Community Room

An interactive experience with music, movement and imagination! Small Sounds is all about being social, learning basic music principles, moving around, getting to play hands-on with instruments, and most of all, using your imagination!

Fontana is proud to continue the Crybaby Concert Series. Held in venues in the Kalamazoo area on Saturday mornings, these mini-concerts allow children under the age of five and their parents, grandparents, and siblings to enjoy a 45-minute performance of beautiful music in an open and flexible environment—even if your little one feels like crying!

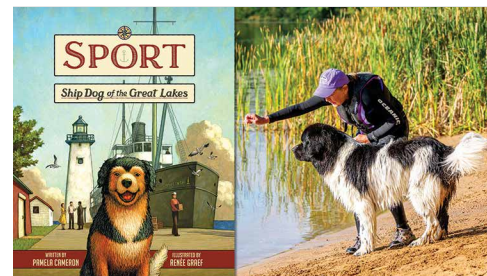
Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o • Family

Saturday, May 23, 2 pm | POW

Join us for a special family storytime where local poet Ora O'Connell brings to life this powerful, moving picture book about colorism, self-esteem, and learning that true beauty comes from within.



All Ages: Everyone



Meet the Author: Pamela Cameron All ages

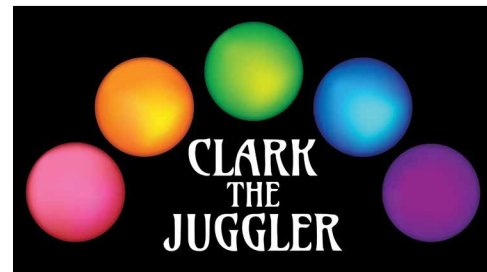
Monday, April 6, 3 pm | OSH

Meet Pamela Cameron, author of *Michigan Notable Book, Sport: Ship Dog of the Great Lakes*. Learn about the exciting history of the working dog who kept sailors safe in Lake Michigan in 1914, and meet Spencer, a trained water rescue dog to learn about how dogs help people today. Books for sale and signing.

Western Dance Project • All ages

Tuesday, April 7, 10:30 am | CEN/Van Deusen

Marvel at a stunning modern dance performance by Western Michigan University Department of Dance students.



Clark the Juggler • All ages

Wednesday, April 8, 2 pm | CEN/Van Deusen

Clark the Juggler presents an action-packed show with juggling, magic, circus stunts, and physical comedy that has been a hit across the state of Michigan and beyond!

Kalamazoo Earth Day Festival

Saturday, April 18, 12–5 pm

Kalamazoo Farmers Market | 1204 Bank St.

2020 marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Join your friends and neighbors for a day of fun, music, food, children's activities, education, and opportunities to take action.

Washington Square Branch Library Spring Celebration • All ages

Wednesday, May 20, 5:30–7 pm | WSQ

Celebrate our warmer spring weather with music, face painting, games, dance performances, yummy food, and more. Free and open to the public.

Teen Events

March, April & May 2020

Grades 6–12

Teen: Grades 6–12

Video Games Wednesday • Grades 6–12

Every Wednesday, March 4–May 27

4–5 pm | EAS

Have fun with board and video games. There will be snacks provided.

Virtual Reality Gaming and More Grades 6–12

Wednesday, March 4, 4–5:30 pm | EAS

Join us for virtual reality, gaming, pizza & more.



Meet-Up & Clean-Up @ Bronson Park! Grades 6–12

Saturday, March 7, 12–1 pm | Bronson Park

For teens in grades 6th through 12th: Your community is just like your room: you gotta keep it clean! Join KPL and the Students for a Sustainable Earth of WMU in picking up litter at Bronson Park. Please dress warmly for the weather. Snacks provided. Designed for teens aged 11–18, but parents and younger siblings are welcome, too.



Open Craft @ the Square! • Grades 4–12

Mondays, March 9, April 13, May 11


4–5 pm | WSQ/Community Room

Come to the library on the second Monday of each month for open crafting featuring bird feeders, personalized décor for your room, painting, and more!

YouTube Crafternoon • Grades 6–12

Tuesdays, March 10, April 7, May 5

4–5 pm | POW/Barnabee Gallery

Learn how to make some awesome crafts featured on YouTube! Watch and make along. A different project each month! All supplies provided. Space is limited, please register. 



Meet & Craft: Protest Art Grades 6–12


Wednesday, March 11

5–6 pm | CEN/Teen Studio

For teens in grades 6th through 12th: Mad about climate change? Wanna get the conversation going? Come to the library and design your own protest art! All supplies will be provided; you just need to bring your slogans and ideas. There will also be a special appearance from the Students for a Sustainable Earth of WMU.


Vegan 101 • Grades 6–12

Thursday, March 12, 5–6 pm | CEN/Teen Studio

Vegan Kalamazoo hosts a session for teens curious about healthy eating habits, the vegan lifestyle, the farm-to-table process, and its effects on the environment. Snacks provided. Please register. 

Adulting 103 • Grades 6–12

Thursday, April 30, 5–6 pm | CEN/Teen Studio

This session will focus on job prep for teens such as how to job search, fill out applications, and prepare for interviews and more, all in time for summer break. Please register. 

Breakfast Club • Grades 6–12

Saturday, March 14, April 11, May 9


10–11 am | EAS

A hot meal and a fun time for teens.

Yoga for Teens • Grades 6–12

Saturdays, March 14, April 25, May 16

2–3 pm | CEN/Teen Studio

Life is stressful. Learn mindfulness and relaxation techniques at the library! A certified yoga instructor from Be Well Studios in Portage will lead a class in a yoga flow and teach meditation techniques, followed by a healthy snack. All experience levels are welcome. Please register. 



Seed Bombs • Grades 6–12

Monday, March 16

5–6 pm | OSH/Community Room


Seed bombs are a great way to add some natural beauty to any landscape! Come make one or two and brighten up your yard.



Pizza & Pages • Grades 6–12

Tuesday, March 24, Thursday April 23, May 14

5–6 pm | CEN/Teen Studio

For teens in grades 6th through 12th: Call to reserve or come in to pick up your free-to-keep copy of the book. Come back to enjoy pizza and discussion. Please register. 

March: *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen

April: *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate

May: *The Other Side* by Juan Pablo Villalobos

Game Central • Grades 6–12

Friday, April 3, 1–3 pm | CEN/Teen Studio

Saturday, May 2, 2–4 pm | CEN/Teen Studio

Join us for an afternoon of strategy, skill, and fun. No experience is necessary! Choose from one of our many board or card games or pick up a controller and play any number of Nintendo Switch or PS4 games. Try out our VR headset!

April Is Poetry Month • Grades 6–12

Monday, April 6, 4:30–6 pm | EAS

In honor of National Poetry Month KPL welcomes Tasleem Jamila, who will lead teens on a poetry exploration. I WRITE RIGHT: Using the writing process as a poet or emcee to bring light to your lyrics. Whether you are bringing awareness to social issues or for personal stories, we will effectively craft the writing process for your piece.

Teen Events *Continued*

Grades 6–12

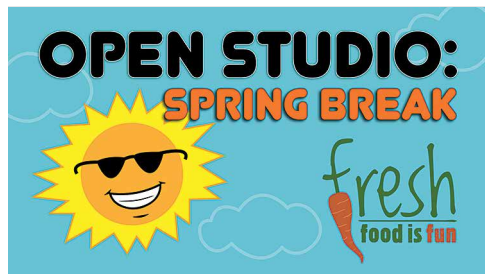
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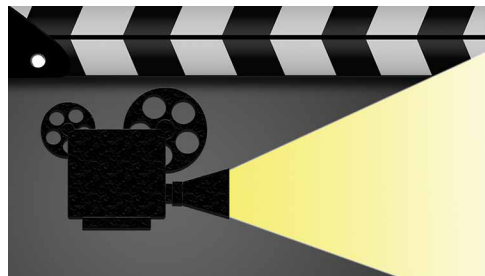
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Teen: Grades 6–12 *cont.*



Open Studio: Spring Break! Grades 6–12

April 6–10, 3:30–5 pm | CEN/Teen Studio
Spend your break celebrating spring with us! We will be making terrariums, bird feeders, hanging out with the Fresh Food Fairy, and more!



Stop Motion Movie Camp with PMN Grades 6–12

**April 7 & 8, 12:30–5:30 pm
OSH/Community Room**
Join our friends from Public Media Network for a 2-day videography camp. We will learn about story development and how to film a short stop motion movie. At the end of Day 2, caregivers are welcome to come for a special viewing of the movies. Lunch will be provided. Please register for Day 1 and plan on attending both days.

Teen Task Force Meeting Grades 6–12

Friday, April 24 | 3:30–5 pm | CEN/Teen Studio
All teens welcome, including newcomers.
Arbor Day Edition: Come celebrate at a birthday party for Kalamazoo's oldest tree! Please register.

Cupcake Decorating • Grades 6–12

Monday, May 11, 6–7:30 pm | EAS
Emy Dykstra will host two sessions of decorating fabulous cupcakes loaded with all kinds of yummy, gooey goodies. Please register.



Teen: Grades 6–8



Literally Speaking • Grades 6–8

**Wednesday, May 6
5 pm | CEN/Van Deusen Room**
Are you as hungry as a horse? Do you run like the wind? We'll learn about figures of speech, then have some fun coding the literal and figurative phrases using Scratch. Best for ages 9–12. Please register.



Do You See the Pattern? • Grades 6–8

**Tuesday, May 26
5:30 pm | OSH/Community Room**
Did you ever wonder how they create the 3-D objects in games? Learn about the coding concepts of patterns and loops using Tinkercad. You can create a bursting star or code your own design. Best for ages 9–12. Please register.

Teen: Grades 9–12



Senior Selfcare Grades 9–12

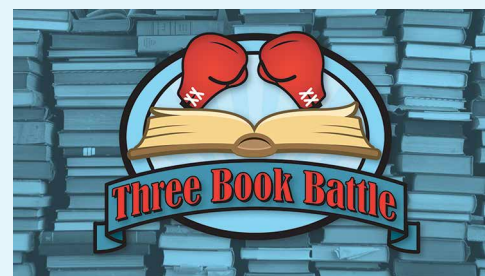
**Wednesday, May 13 | 4–6 pm
CEN/Teen Studio**
Stressing out before you graduate? Come make your own soaps, sugar scrubs, and bath bombs to help you relax, and treat yourself to a chair massage by Inner Wellness Massage & Bodywork LLC. For high school seniors, but grades 9–11 are welcome to join.

All Ages: Everyone



Be(e) Friendly! • All ages

April 27–May 1 | Open hours | CEN/Teen Desk
April Showers bring May Flowers! Pick up wildflower seeds perfect for bees and other pollinating friends in the Teen Area and plant some May flowers of your own!



Three Book Battle • Grades 6–8 & 9–12

**Saturday, April 18
11–1 pm | CEN/Van Deusen Room**
Attention book lovers! It's time for the 7th annual Three Book Battle, where teams of three compete in three rounds of questions from three books for the championship! Once again, we will have levels for both middle and high school. Teams receive a set of the three books to keep and fabulous prizes for winning. To register and for more info, please visit kpl.gov/tbb. Don't Delay. Form a team of three and register today!

Here's the fine print:

Teams of three, of either all 6–8 graders or all 9–12 graders. Name your team and register online at kpl.gov/tbb. Pick up one set of books for your team at KPL CEN/Teen Area or OSH after February 3. Refreshments will be served at the competition. Invite your friends and family to watch!

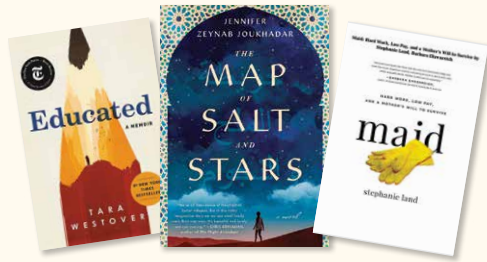
2020 TBB Titles, Grades 6–8

The Benefits of Being an Octopus by Ann Braden
The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Pérez
Ghosts by Raina Telgemeier

2020 TBB Titles, Grades 9–12

A Very Large Expanse of Sea by Tahereh Mafi
Pumpkinheads by Rainbow Rowell
& Faith Erin Hicks
You Asked for Perfect by Laura Silverman

BOOKS



Page Turners Book Club

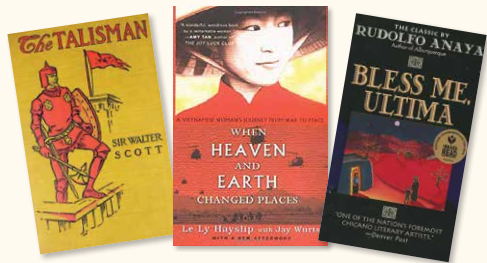
Mondays, March 2, April 6, May 4
6:30 pm | OSH

Engage in thought-provoking conversation about books, exchange perspectives, and get to know your neighbors.

March: *Educated* by Tara Westover

April: *The Map of Salt and Stars* by Zeyn Joukhadar

May: *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive* by Stephanie Land



Classics Revisited

Wednesdays, March 18, April 15, 7 pm | CEN
Wednesday, May 20, 3 pm | CEN

Join local book-lovers for a lively discussion about favorite classic literature.

March: *The Talisman* by Sir Walter Scott

April: *When Heaven and Earth Changed Places* by Le Ly Hayslip

May: *Bless Me, Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya

Celery City Chapbook Contest Reading

Wednesday, March 25, 7 pm | CEN

Featuring local writer Emily Daniel and state winners Todd Mercer (Grand Rapids), Marc Sheehan (Grand Haven), and Laszlo Slomovits (Detroit). Sponsored by Friends of Poetry.

Reading Race Book Group

Thursday, March 26, 6:30 pm | CEN

Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 pm | CEN

This book group, co-sponsored by the Society for History and Racial Equity (SHARE) and KPL's Antiracism

Transformation

Team, focuses on race and racism in American society.

March: *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi

May: *The Best We Could Do* by Thi Bui



Urban Fiction Book Club

Tuesdays, March 31, May 26, 6 pm | POW

If you love to read urban fiction, come and join this high-energy discussion of some of the hottest Urban Fiction titles around. Pick

up a copy of the book or a Kindle at the Alma Powell Branch. Refreshments will be served.

March: *He's Your Ex for a Reason* by BriAnn Danae

May: *The Marriage Bed* by Lakisha Johnson



It's Crime We Talk:

A True Crime Book Club

Tuesday, April 14, 6:30 pm | CEN

Have you watched every episode of *Forensic Files*, or listened to every episode of *Serial* or *My Favorite Murder*? Then join your fellow true crime enthusiasts and murderinos for this quarterly true crime book club where we'll talk about our favorite books, television series, and podcasts of the genre. In April, we'll discuss *The Red Parts: Autobiography of a Trial* by Maggie Nelson.



HISTORY & GENEALOGY

Lost in Michigan

Wednesday, March 18, 7 pm | CEN

Mike Sonnenberg, author of *Lost In Michigan: History and Travel Stories From An Endless Road Trip*, will showcase interesting and historic locations from around Michigan.

Norman F. Carver Jr., Architect of Form and Space

Tuesday, March 24, 7 pm | CEN

Author Tim Hills will discuss the work of Norman Carver, Jr., a prominent Kalamazoo architect. Hills worked closely with Carver to catalog his archive of architectural drawings, and has recently published a book featuring over 120 of his designs.

Michigan, My Michigan: Michigan During the Last Half of the Twentieth Century

Tuesday, April 28, 7 pm | CEN

Lynn Houghton will conclude Michigan's colorful history with this session spanning from World War II through the 20th century, highlighting changes that tremendously impacted our state. The course continues to look at its residents, institutions, economy, and the events and issues that have shaped it through the years.



Old House—New House

Monday, May 4, 7 pm | CEN

How is an old house different from a modern house? Learn about heating and ventilation, materials, bathrooms, and more as part of the Old House Owners Workshops series. Learn what those tiny pulleys in your basement were used for!

Genealogy Day

Saturday, May 16, 9:30 am–4:30 pm | CEN

Are you a genealogy beginner? Experienced? Drop in to the Local History Room—library staff and volunteers from the Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society (KVGS) will help you with your research.

MUSIC



GLAMA Acoustic Slow Jam

Tuesdays, March 10, April 14, May 12
6:30 pm | CEN

We invite you to join the Great Lakes Acoustic Music Association for a fun jam based on simple chord progressions and slow to medium tempo tunes. All acoustic stringed instruments welcome! Basic jamming tips are included.

GLAMA Community Sing

Tuesdays, March 17, April 21, May 19
6:30 pm | CEN

Come and sing along with folksinger and songwriter Patricia Pettinga and her GLAMA Community Sing co-hosts. Lyric sheets are provided.

& MORE



Free Tax Preparation

Monday, March 2, 2 pm | OSH
Thursday, March 5, 10 am | CEN
Monday, March 9, 2 pm | EAS
Monday, March 23, 2 pm | EAS
Thursday, March 26, 11 am | WSQ
Thursday, April 2, 10 am | CEN

Free income tax preparation and electronic filing for people who generally made \$56,000 or less in 2019. Taxes prepared by IRS-certified community volunteers. **Dial 2-1-1 or 1(800)563-5432** to make an appointment or for more info. **R**



RAD Fest Screendance Series

Saturday, March 7, 3:30 pm | CEN

The RAD Fest screendance series of 2020 will include 10 short dance films from all over the world which were selected by an international jury panel, and RAD Fest curator, Rachel Miller as part of the Midwest Regional Alternative Dance Festival (RAD Fest). The screening runs about an hour, includes mature content, and popcorn will be provided.

Annual Women Celebration Month Art Show featuring Jamari Taylor

Saturday, March 7, 2-4 pm | POW

Jamari Taylor is a portrait artist from Battle Creek, Michigan. Using charcoal and oils she creates images with character, power, and strength. Through her illustrations, she lovingly seeks to portray a sitter's strength and self-confidence. Artwork will be on exhibit throughout the month of March.



A Cherished Look at the Life of Toni Morrison

Tuesday, March 24, 6-8 pm | POW

Local author Sonya Hollins will host a viewing and discussion of the acclaimed documentary: *Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am*.

Adult Craft Night

Mondays, March 9, April 13, 6 pm | OSH

Let's get together and make crafts and community. March's craft will be a felt flower spring wreath and April's will feature Earth Day recycled book crafts. Check **kpl.gov** for details and to reserve your spot. All supplies provided. Please register. **R**

iHola! Hello!

el miércoles, 18 de marzo y 15 de abril
Wednesdays, March 18 & April 15
6:30 pm | WSQ

Ven a conocer a tus vecinos, comparte tu idioma y practica la conversación con amigos. Para hispanohablantes que quieren practicar inglés y hablantes de inglés que quieren practicar español. **Translation:** Meet your neighbors, share your language, and practice conversation with friends. For English speakers who want to practice Spanish and Spanish speakers who want to practice English.

Black History 101 Mobile Museum

Friday, March 27, 11 am-4:30 pm | EAS
Saturday, March 28, 9 am-11:30 am | EAS

The Black History 101 Mobile Museum is a collection of over 5,000 artifacts of black memorabilia that dates from slavery, Jim Crow era, the Civil Rights and Black Power era to hip hop and popular culture. Founded by "the hip hop generation's Arthur Schomburg" Khalid el-Hakim, a former Detroit School teacher. The collection will be on display to browse 11 am-4:30 pm, Friday. Khalid will give a presentation Friday at 3:30 pm. Display open 9-11:30 am, Saturday. Presentation at 10:30 am.



Meet the Author: Arnold Johnston

Wednesday, April 1, 7 pm | CEN

Hear local poet, author, and playwright Arnold Johnston read from his new full-length poetry collection *Where We're Going, Where We've Been*. Former chairman of the English Department at WMU (1997-2007), co-founder of the creative writing program, and founder of the playwriting program, Johnston now concentrates full-time on writing. His award-winning poetry, fiction, non-fiction, and translations have appeared widely in literary journals.

Kalamazoo Redistricting Commission Application Workshop

Tuesday, March 24, 6-7:30 pm | POW

Tuesday, March 31, 6-7:30 pm | OSH

Monday, April 6, 6-7:30 pm | CEN

Wednesday, April 22, 6-7:30 pm | WSQ

Monday, April 27, 6-7:30 pm | EAS

Join Voters Not Politicians volunteers and ask questions that you have about the citizens redistricting commission, complete your application on-site, and have it notarized for free! Please bring your photo ID for purposes of notarization.

Educate and Caffeinate

Monday, March 16, 10:30 am | OSH

Monday, May 11, 10:30 am | OSH

Watch a short talk on a large screen and engage in lively discussion about big ideas while drinking coffee. In March, we'll watch *Climate Change Will Displace Millions: Here's How We Prepare*. Disaster recovery lawyer and Louisiana resident, Colette Pichon Battle, will urge us to radically restructure the systems that are driving climate change so that we can cultivate collective resilience and advance human rights for all. In May, we'll watch and discuss *The Danger of a Single Story* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Our lives, our cultures, are composed of many overlapping stories. Novelist Chimamanda Adichie tells the story of how she found her authentic voice — and warns that if we hear only a single story about another person or country, we risk a critical understanding.

Composting: Completing Food's Life Cycle

Wednesday, April 22, 6:30 pm | CEN

Food: it is essential to all life, yet 1/3 of all food produced in the U.S. gets its life cut short by being sent to a landfill. Composting provides a chance for food scraps and their valuable nutrients to live on in the form of healthy soil and new plant life. Join us on Earth Day for this program that will cover strategies for food waste prevention and how to start composting. It will also discuss the global impact of food waste and how we got to where we are today — but how we, together, can work to provide solutions.



Director's Note

Ryan Wieber, *KPL Director*

"We're thankful for the Kalamazoo community who continue to make KPL a busy and valued local resource!"

I am happy to share that Kalamazoo Public Library was recently honored by *Library Journal* as a **2019 Star Library**. The designation is for those public libraries that provide exemplary service based on several key indicators, including high volume in print and digital circulation per capita, annual visits, program attendance, and public computer and Wi-Fi usage. KPL is one of 261 libraries nationwide to be designated, and one of only seven in Michigan. We're thankful for the Kalamazoo community who continue to make KPL a busy and valued local resource!

KPL Creates Community is a slogan the library is employing to signify the role KPL expects to play in creating opportunities at all branches where area residents can feel better connected. Examples of activities where this occurs includes a couple of upcoming *Community Conversations* related to this year's *Reading Together* title, *We Are the Weather*, and the *Educate and Caffeinate* topical discussions at Oshtemo. Also, consider trying out a book discussion group to enhance your reading experience. Hear other's reactions and share your own thoughts at one of KPL's regular clubs: *Reading Race Book Group* at Central, *Page Turners Book Club* at Oshtemo, *Urban Fiction Book Club* at Alma Powell, *Classics Revisited* at Central, and the new *True Crime Book Club* at Central.

This season's programming is highlighted by *Reading Together* activities centered on Jonathan Safran Foer's *We Are the Weather*, which is a reflective examination by Foer of climate change and how the food we eat impacts the climate. His visit takes place on Tuesday, March 10 at Chenery Auditorium.

Mark your calendars for the all-ages *Black History 101 Mobile Museum* at Eastwood Branch on March 27-28, the annual *Ready to Read Party in the Park* and Washington Square's *Spring Celebration*, both happening on May 27. *First Saturday @ KPL* features fun activities for the whole family at Central and this spring's sponsoring partners are Kalamazoo Public Schools, Kalamazoo County 4-H, and Kalamazoo Literacy Council.

In case you haven't heard: the newly opened Idea Lab at Central features a 3D resin printer, desktop carbide 3D CNC mill, a 3D carver, music keyboards, and video and audio creative software. Digital scanning technology is now also located in the Local History department for more convenient patron accessibility. ▲



Ask a Lawyer

For appointment information, call the Law Library at (269) 553-7920

Free legal clinics for persons of low-to-moderate income with Bar Association lawyers. Get help with most areas of civil law, including landlord-tenant problems, divorce, and family law.

For a free 30-minute appointment, call (269) 553-7920

You may make only one appointment per six months. Clinics do not include follow-up. Further consultation must be negotiated with an individual attorney.

Family-based immigration legal clinics!

Are you a legal permanent resident or US citizen who has questions about immigrating family members to the US?

Inspired by the longstanding model of the Kalamazoo County Bar Association Legal Outreach Clinics at the Kalamazoo Public Library, Justice for Our Neighbors-Michigan will sponsor free monthly family-based immigration legal clinics for low-income individuals. An attorney will be available for 20-30 minute consultations to provide limited advice, additional resources and/or referrals. In no instance is there any charge for the services of the clinic. By appointment only.

These clinics will be monthly and are designed for:

Legal permanent residents (possess a green card) or U.S. citizens who have questions about the immigration of spouses and children to the United States. Same-sex couples/LGBTQ family-based immigration questions are welcome!

For a schedule of family-based immigration clinics, please visit:

kpl.gov/law-library/ask-a-lawyer

Questions? Please call the Law Library at: **(269) 553-7920**

Appointments? Please call Justice for Our Neighbors at: **(269) 743-2501**

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